

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office Action and respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

Claims 18, 19 and 21 have been amended. Thus, claims 18-25 are presently pending in the application.

Applicant amended the specification as set forth above to correct inadvertent typographically errors. Specifically, Applicant replaced each recitation of the term "alkynyl" in the specification and claims with the term "alkenyl" as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Morita et al. Claim 18 was amended to more particularly point out and clearly recite that the copoly(carbosilane and siloxane) elastomer claimed in amended claim 18 is a crosslinkable copolymer consisting of carbosilane repeat units and siloxane repeat units. Thus, the copolymer of amended claim 18 is clearly neither taught nor suggested by Morita, since none of the copolymers disclosed by Morita are crosslinkable, as acknowledged by the Examiner in the first full paragraph on page 4 of the Office Action. For these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 18 as amended is patentable over the art of record, and requests that claim 18 and the claims dependent therefrom be allowed.

Claims 21 and 22 were provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 18 and 22 of copending Application No. 10/308,803. Claim 21 was amended to depend from claim 20. Thus, claims 21 and 22 are now different in scope than claims 18 and 22 of copending Application No. 10/308,803. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office Action and respectfully requests entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented above.

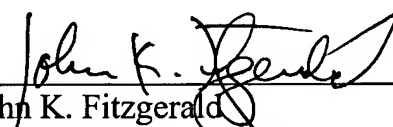
Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above amendments and arguments, or any suggestions for further amending the claims to obtain allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney, John Fitzgerald, at 310-242-2667.

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